National Association of the Deaf, Inc

Interpreter Assessment and Certification

NAD III (Generalist) - Average Performance

Holders of this certificate possess above average voice-to-sign skills and good sign to-voice skills or vise versa. This individual has demonstrated the minimum competence needed to meet generally accepted interpreter standards. Occasional words or phrases may be deleted but the expressed concept is accurate. The individual displays good control of the grammar of the second language and is generally accurate and consistent, but is not qualified for all situations. This test is no longer available.

NAD IV (Advanced) - Above Average Performance

Holders of this certificate possess excellent voice-to-sign skills and above average sign-to-voice skills or vice versa. This individual has demonstrated above average skill in any given area. Performance is consistent and accurate. Fluency is smooth, with little deleted, and the viewer has no question to the candidate's competency. With this certificate, an individual should be able to interpret in most situations. This test is no longer available.

NAD V (Master) - Superior Performance

Holders of this certificate possess superior voice-to-sign skills and excellent sign-to voice skills. This individual has demonstrated excellent to outstanding ability in any given area. There are minimum flaws in their performance, and they have demonstrated interpreting skills necessary in almost all situations. This test is no longer available.

Reference: Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. website http://rid.org/ April 19, 2010